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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TADAYOSHI NAKAYAMA)
Application No.: 09/982,916)
Filed: October 22, 2001)
For: FILTER PROCESSING APPARATUS)
AND ITS CONTROL METHOD,)
PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM))

Examiner: Not Yet Known

Group Art Unit: 2181

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/425,768	04/20/95	2613
09/618,461	07/18/00	2714
09/791,545	02/26/01	2621

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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	5,581,373	12/96	Yoshida	358	476	
	5,801,650	09/98	Nakayama	341	67	
	5,818,970	10/98	Ishikawa et al.	382	248	
	5,841,381	11/98	Nakayama	341	67	
	5,986,594	11/99	Nakayama et al.	341	107	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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